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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

April 10, 2003

Sir:

In reply to the Restriction Requirement dated October 11, 2002, the period for replying having been extended five (5) months to April 11, 2003, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are pending. No amendments have been made by way of the present submission, thus, no new matter has been added.

Issues Under 35 U.S.C. §121

In the outstanding Office Action the Examiner has required Applicants to elect one of the following groups of claims pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §121:

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